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1. On 19 December 1953, a four-storied building, located on the site of a barracks on Daenholm Island near Stralsund, was surrounded by a fence and was guarded by a sea police sentry posted at the entrance. A sign board had the inscription "Aussenstelle Seehydrographischer Dienst" (branch-office of Maritime Hydrographical Service). Sea Police members were in the windows of that building.
2. Approximately 75 meters at the rear of the building, about 15 Soviet officers and 30 Sea Police officers and men were engaged in hand grenade throwing. [redacted] reports of detonating hand grenades and [redacted] the trainees jumped into trenches as they threw. 2

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1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment. The information on SHD personnel training with hand grenades seems rather improbable.

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